



Kentucky State University

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KSU Unveils New Center For Sustainability of Farms & Families

Kentucky State University administration and Land Grant Program officials were joined by representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, the University of Kentucky and the Council on Postsecondary Education June 16 as it opened its Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families at the KSU Research and Demonstration Farm.

The 12,000-square-foot building will allow the university to host large-scale events, including farm shows, agriculture education workshops and conventions and training seminars. The focus of the programming will be on sustainability and on ensuring Kentucky farms and families remain profitable, socially conscious and ecologically friendly.

Mac Stone, KSU's first farm manager and now the executive director of agricultural marketing and product promotion at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, and Craig Maffett, deputy commissioner and chief of staff for KDA, presented Land Grant Director Dr. Harold Benson and President Mary Evans Sias a check for \$15,000 in Specialty Crop Block Grant funds to benefit the Third Thursday Thing program at the event.



KSU Kicks Off Youth Center For Excellence Summer Program



The students served by the Youth Center for Excellence began their three-week summer program June 21. The camp is part of the \$900,000 grant KSU received this fall from the U.S.

Department of

Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health Services to establish a youth center that will serve at-risk Franklin County African American and Hispanic youths between the ages of 8 and 15.

The project is designed to address unhealthy behaviors in youths, to provide them with opportunities to learn more positive lifestyles and to enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices. As a result, behavioral incidents should decline and academic performance should increase.

The children engaged in health and wellness activities and educational programs, discuss nutrition, explore cultural differences and complete creative writing and art projects. Every Friday, the group took a field trip to learn about careers.



KSU Alumnus Named White Sox All-Star, Featured On TODAY Show



Kenny Fullman '93 was featured on the *TODAY Show* July 8 about being honored July 13 at the 81st Major League Baseball All-Star Game as the Chicago White Sox's All-Star. Fullman joined 29 other individuals selected by major league teams for their outstanding community contributions for a pre-game ceremony July 13 on FOX.

Fullman was nominated for the honor because of his work with the Amateur City Elite, an inner-city high school baseball program that provides youths mentoring and sports training for a college or professional baseball career. He also works as a Chicago police officer and the head baseball coach at Harlan Community Academy High School.

KSU Golf Team Featured On Golf Channel

Kentucky State University's Golf Team was featured on the 24th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship highlight show on the Golf Channel.

This year, 200 student-athletes from 40 colleges and universities participated in the tournament, which took place May 7-9 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The championship began to give students at historically black and minority-serving institutions a showcase for their skills.

KSU To Host SIAC Volleyball Tournament For Fourth Year

Kentucky State University was selected to host the 24th annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament for the fourth year in a row. The tournament brings 12 teams to Frankfort for four days to battle for the conference title.

The tournament will be Nov. 10 to Nov. 12, with all matches held in the William Exum Center. Teams will have a practice day Nov. 9.

Learning About College Firsthand



Kentucky high school juniors and seniors visited Kentucky State University June 11-12 for the 23rd annual Academically Proficient

African American High School Junior and Senior Conference. They learned about higher education opportunities in the state and nation, what they need to do to prepare themselves for a successful college experience and what financial aid opportunities are available. They also experienced campus living by spending a night in Whitney M. Young Jr. Hall.